



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of JUNE, 1945.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; and Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area).

POPULATION

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1944, was estimated to be 488,348.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

(Issues prior to April 1945 contained particulars for Metropolitan Area only).

Note: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

			M A Y		5 months ended	
			1945	1944	May 1945	May 1944
Marriages	..	No.	278	390	1,649	1,973
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	6.67	9.50	8.14	9.82
Births	..	No.	986	903	4,818	4,511
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	23.64	22.00	23.77	22.46
Deaths	..	No.	382	378	1,826	1,727
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	9.16	9.21	9.01	8.60
Infant Mortality	No.		29	18	125	137
"	"	Rate per 1000 live births	29.41	19.93	25.94	30.37
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -						
Tuberculosis			11	17	70	60
Cancer			41	46	234	229
Influenza			1	1	2	2
Diphtheria			2	1	8	6
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			32	36	177	142
Arteriosclerosis			11	12	71	65
Diseases of the Heart			116	92	455	410
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia			25	33	104	121
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			6	2	29	17
Nephritis			13	15	73	61
Diseases of Early Infancy			18	9	68	78
Senility			11	17	64	64
Accidents			19	22	97	106
All Other Causes			76	75	374	366
Total			382	378	1,826	1,727

*Equivalent Annual Rate

See Overleaf

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the six months ended June 1945 totalled 112,046 acres, an increase of 6,982 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,107,139 acres, a decrease of 274,175 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of June		12 months ended June	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue ..	1,400,575	1,509,954	13,953,830	13,589,175
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.17. 0.	£3. 2. 3d.	£28.11.6d.	£28. 3. 4d.
Expenditure ..	1,284,516	1,396,370	13,949,340	13,551,154
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.12. 3d.	£2.17. 7d.	£28.11. 3d.	£28. 1. 9d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 30th June 1945 amounted to £31,763,176, or £64.11.9d. per head of population, as against £25,790,714, or £53.2.8d. per head as at the 30th June last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 25th June, 1945, amounted to £2,758,592, compared with £2,752,449 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	JUNE		12 months ended June	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Transfers .. (No.)	956	833	10,436	7,690
(£.)	333,718	340,728	4,123,163	3,117,305
Mortgages .. (No.)	333	233	3,037	2,232
(£.)	286,238	203,060	3,031,985	1,785,822
Discharges of Mortgages No.	518	495	5,917	5,707

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns.	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross).		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
1944 - June	755,542	590,549	1,638,830	112,306
July	706,185	668,445	1,897,871	110,856
August	813,398	663,749	1,448,938	118,491
September	926,471	805,080	1,545,195	110,574
October	1,099,405	509,349	1,394,583	116,416
November	874,649	771,898	1,622,266	112,531
December	712,619	567,240	1,395,211	112,383
1945 - January	808,314	604,283	1,708,485	128,267
February	711,327	640,732	1,180,561	109,340
March	697,298	750,151	1,362,562	108,056
April	765,446	685,948	1,276,250	110,919
May	854,328	759,824	1,739,042	129,591
June	787,976	813,528	1,454,764	118,410

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

Twelve Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £166,000, and six Foreign Companies were registered for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1945. For the corresponding period last year there were four local companies, with a nominal capital of £17,100, and ten foreign companies registered.

BANKRUPTCY.

	12 months ended June					
	1945			1944		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	3	3,953	2,130	7	9,456	6,795
Deeds of Assignment (a)	2	1,474	1,071	1	780	661
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

	M A Y		Eleven months ended May	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Gross Earnings £.	357,000	358,800	3,976,300	4,023,900
Working Expenses £.	339,735	327,503	3,436,735	3,457,956
Train miles run	520,427	533,288	5,769,564	5,611,117
Passenger Journeys	1,334,714	1,495,416	16,567,817	17,068,880
Tonnage carried -				
Paying Goods	244,394	236,884	2,564,750	2,175,844
Livestock	6,964	10,082	132,308	138,079
Departmental (Free Freight)	49,501	45,578	515,598	427,167
Total	300,859	292,544	3,212,656	2,741,090
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	29,963,626	27,010,853	294,287,860	263,216,253
Livestock	780,043	1,099,775	14,590,030	16,168,741
Departmental (Free Freight)	6,058,425	6,310,561	72,528,369	62,663,545
Total	36,802,094	34,421,189	381,406,259	342,048,539

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944	23	310	5	35	28	803	9	93
1945 -								
January	5	8	-	12	5	30	-	15
February	-	15	1	-	-	38	1	4
March	1	26	1	24	3	33	1	33
April	1	20	-	2	1	79	-	8
May	2	22	2	24	2	110	4	55
June	6	20	-	7	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).
(excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944 -								
June	18,133	5,578	231	2,639	30,295	22,183	276	4,324
December	18,083	6,244	246	2,491	30,051	22,946	298	4,031
1945 -								
January	18,135	6,305	242	2,543	29,754	22,042	289	4,043
February	18,261	6,384	244	2,612	30,199	22,687	296	4,193
March	18,265	6,384	244	2,616	30,311	22,913	297	4,240
April	18,380	6,498	244	2,695	30,370	23,185	294	4,376
May	18,464	6,599	244	2,775	30,602	23,590	295	4,487
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (excluding Defence Service Vehicles)

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1945 - MAY	89	352	4	6

T R A D E.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) during the eleven months ended M.Y., 1945 and 1944 respectively, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	Imports		Exports (including Ships' Stores)		Total Trade	
	1945 (£1,000)	1944 (£1,000)	1945 (£1,000)	1944 (£1,000)	1945 (£1,000)	1944 (£1,000)
Interstate	11,894	11,907	4,951	6,414	16,845	18,321
Oversea	4,578	4,017	12,370	11,941	16,948	15,958
TOTAL	16,472	15,924	17,321	18,355	33,793	34,279

BUILDING ACTIVITY.(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
JUNE, 1945	60	44,611	1	206	155	9,204	216	54,021
JUNE, 1944	17	7,834	1	450	112	26,198	130	34,482
Year ended June, 1945	530	362,811	20	45,079	1430	196,019	1980	603,909
Year ended June, 1944	121	58,323	20	39,998	967	140,380	1108	238,701

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.
 (15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
JUNE, 1945	7	6,060	1	2,249	20	759	28	9,068
JUNE, 1944	3	4,791	-	-	27	1,155	30	5,946
Year ended June, 1945.	73	54,729	13	9,056	273	15,446	359	79,231
Year ended June, 1944	21	10,491	8	1,885	189	9,141	218	21,517

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

504,506 lbs. were produced during May 1945, and 11,827,779 lbs. for the eleven months ended May 1945, as against 458,154 lbs. and 13,110,012 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		JUNE		6 months ended June	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Quantity	Fine Oz.	36,591	40,973	222,237	214,419
Value (Australian Currency)	£.	391,472	428,653	2,359,329	2,241,170

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the six months ended June 1945 amounted to £173,041, as against £507,313 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base, weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000).

	JUNE		12 months ended June	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Food and Groceries:				
Metropolitan Area	1069	1069	1060	1054
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1204	1193	1188	1172
Northam	1080	1086	1070	1063
Bunbury	1055	1052	1044	1029
Geraldton	1095	1116	1089	1097

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees) = 100).					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees) = 1000)				
	1941	1942	1943	1944(a)	1945(a)	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	109	116	128	137	142	-	1014	865	826	870
February	111	118	130	138	143	-	986	861	824	868
March	112	118	132	139	142	-	962	846	825	877
April	111	118	134	139	142	-	955	835	827	876
May	112	119	134	140	143	-	927	836	832	891
June	113	118	135	139	-	-	907	835	829	-
July	113	117	136	140(a)	-	1000	888	828	832	-
August	113	119	136	140	-	987	882	814	832	-
Sept.	114	120	137	140	-	994	877	806	834	-
October	115	122	138	141	-	996	874	801	837	-
November	116	123	136	142	-	1016	873	814	851	-
December	118	124	137	143	-	1028	886	840	886	-

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1944 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	JUNE		12 months ended June	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Units Generated .. (1000 K.W.H.)	16,980	15,965	186,377	174,534
Units Sold .. (1000 K.W.H.)	14,083	13,486	157,605	148,301

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